

## **Holmehill Ltd**

### Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Board

Cathedral Halls, Dunblane, Wednesday 31st August 2016, 7.30 pm.

**Present:** David Prescott (Chair), Richard Bland, Jim Waterworth, Catriona Whitton, Dave Topliff, Claire Watt, Sue Harley, Libby Hughes, Rosemary Bland, Phil Tebbutt, Frances Rankin, Andy Mitchell, Pat Kissock, Caroline Crawford, Maureen Mitchell, Cllr Graham Houston, Robin Davis, Anthony Birch, Mary Birch, Mike Christmas, Margaret Ingle, Alan Watt, Steve Moizer, Jan Adam, Alan Booth.

**Apologies:** Chris Spray, Chris Toop, Steve Mason, Lorraine Stassin, Gillian Osborn, Geoffrey Osborn, Sarah Aldred, Gerard Hastings, Fiona Copland, Veronica Hansmann, Graham Whittaker, Julie Forrest, Joan Newman, John Newman, Mike Stevens, Martin Davies, Diana Davies, Peter Holmes, Paddy Holmes.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** Were accepted as a true record.

**Matters arising:** There were no matters arising.

**Finance:** See minutes of the AGM.

**Bogside development:** The foundations are being dug at present. The structures will be timber framed and will be occupied in February 2017. Rosemary noted that there is no information board to say who is developing the site or what is being built there. **Action** The Chair to raise this with the developers to see if one can be erected. (Post -meeting note: There is an information board but the contractors have not erected it yet. FHA will take up with the contractors.)

**Events/Initiatives:** The proposed Halloween event is being cancelled as no-one is in a position to take responsibility for organising the event, although there are a number of volunteers to assist in running it.

David Prescott will attend the annual Girl Guides Christmas card sale.

**Museum display** Lorraine Stassin is discussing this with the museum board.

**Environmental surveys** Chris Spray is still doing the surveys.

**Core path survey and path maintenance** Libby Hughes reported that if maintenance needs doing the Dunblane Development Trust volunteers group will do it in conjunction with the council. Libby will walk over the Hill with the

DDT volunteer leader, and draw up a work programme. The DDT will discuss this with the landowner - Allanwater Developments.

**Further Plans for the Group** Tree planting on council owned land adjacent to Bogside is complex due to uncertainties about who owns the trees and who will maintain them. Libby will contact Donna Mills at Land Services.

There followed a broad ranging discussion about the future of the Hill.

### **AOCB**

The Cathedral Arts Guild is having a week-long exhibition, and have requested ten photos of Holmehill. Caroline Crawford and Libby are responding to this and making a permanent mobile exhibition about the Hill. Caroline will approach the library about a possible exhibition there. She will look into making some cards or possible pictures/prints to sell.

The Community Woodland Association AGM will be on 1<sup>st</sup> October in Forres.

The issues of succession in the committee and the recruitment of younger people to the group were discussed.

**Date of next Meeting: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016**, at 7.30pm in the Cathedral Halls.